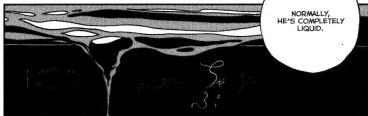


NORMALLY,
HE'S COMPLETELY
LIQUID.



WHEN THE
TEMPERATURE
DROPS, HE
CRYSTALLIZES,

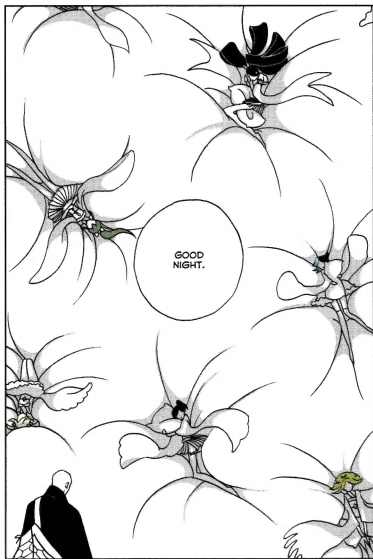


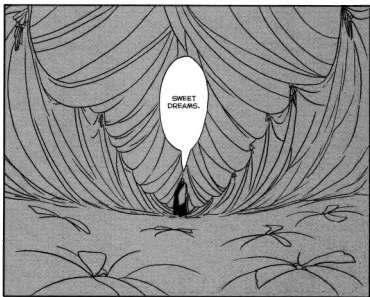
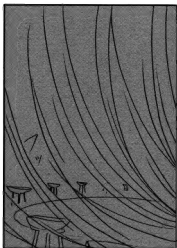
AND THE
COLDER IT
GETS...



THE
STRONGER HE
BECOMES.



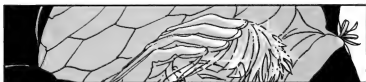
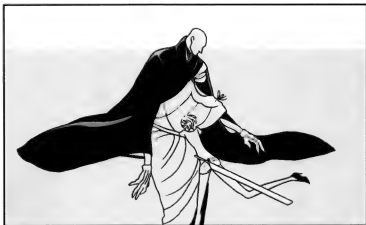


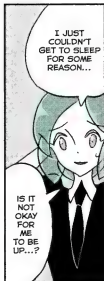














YOU
JUST KEEP ON
DOING WHATEVER
YOU LIKE, EVEN
THOUGH YOU'RE
HALF A RANK
MORE SOLID
THAN I AM...
AREN'T YOU
ASHAMED OF
YOURSELF?

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
ALWAYS
SLEEPS IN
UNTIL THE
VERY LAST
MOMENT.

JEEZ.



WELL,

WERE YOU
SO UPSET
ABOUT
THAT YOU
COULDN'T
GET TO
SLEEP?

I BET YOU
MADE NO
PROGRESS
THIS YEAR,
EITHER.



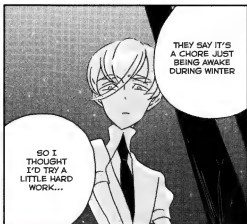
Y'SEE...







IN
THAT
CASE



THEY SAY IT'S
A CHORE JUST
BEING AWAKE
DURING WINTER

SO I
THOUGHT
I'D TRY A
LITTLE HARD
WORK...



REALLY
?!

I'LL SHARE
ONE OF MY
JOBS WITH
YOU.

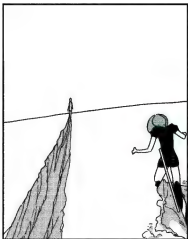
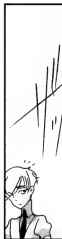
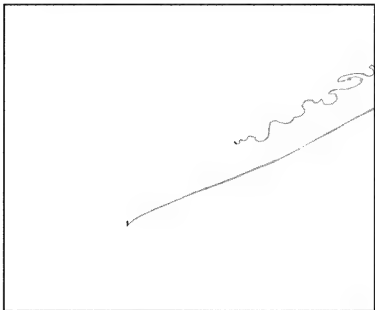


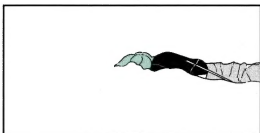
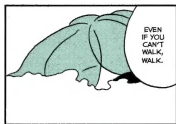
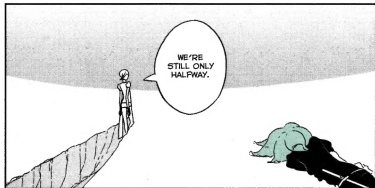
BUT I'LL
DO IT!

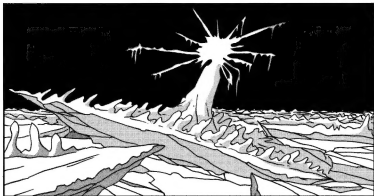
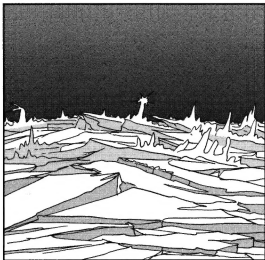
I DON'T
WANNA
DO IT



IT'S
TOUGH.







...JUST
ONCE,
SENSEI
CALLED
THEM
"SINFUL
ONES."



WHEN
THE OCEAN
FREEZES,
IF THE TINY
ORGANISMS
AT ITS BOTTOM
GET MIXED
IN, THE ICE
TAKES ON
THAT SHAPE.



IT'S
JUST
AN ICE
FLOE.



I COULD
NEVER GET
THAT OUT
OF MY HEAD,
FOR SOME
REASON.



HERE
WE GO.

HUH?



